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Putting the brakes on delivery cyclists

► Council mulls stepping up pressure on restaurant owners to make sure their bike-riding deliverers follow rules of the road ► Some want to increase fines {page 02}

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Mets. Food drive



► Mets left fielder Mike Baxter, center, and Mr. Met help students load a City Harvest truck with boxes of food yesterday at PS 12 in Woodside.

Thanks, kids! Mr. Met and players Jonathon Niese, Mike Baxter and Daniel Murphy stopped by PS 12 in Woodside, Queens, yesterday, to thank the students for collecting 2,000 pounds of canned food for City Harvest's food drive. PS 12 raised more food than any other school in the city. ● METRO

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Kings take Game 1 of Stanley Cup

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A heart-less makeover for 'I Love NY'

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced yesterday he wants to "reinvent" one of the most iconic advertising logos of all time: The "I Love New York" logo that was created in the mid-1970s.

New TV ads unveiled yesterday show New Yorkers and tourists alike replacing the fa-

mous heart with sketches of their favorite New York-centric activity — be it drinking wine from the state's vineyards, taking in a game at Yankee stadium, or hitting the Coney Island Cyclone.

Cuomo said it's time for something fresh.

"This campaign reinvents

one of our state's great assets — the 'I Love NY' icon — which is known the world over as one of the most successful advertising symbols ever," he said. "This campaign brings that icon to life in order to highlight all of the things people love about New York."

The call to redesign comes

along with a \$2.5 million advertising campaign to lure summer tourists.

"Other states have been more aggressive in attracting tourism than New York," Cuomo continued. "We were the best and we were the first, but somewhere along the way we lost that." ● METRO/CB



In the news

Face-eaten Miami victim an NYC grad

The victim of a vicious Miami attack graduated from Stuyvesant High School, according to news reports yesterday. Ronald Poppo, 65, whose face was reportedly eaten off by Rudy Eugene in Miami, graduated from the elite city public school in 1964. Eugene reportedly attacked Poppo, chewing on his face until cops shot him to death.

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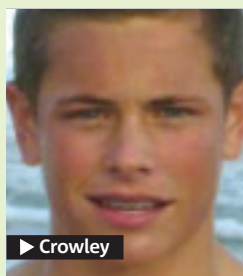
In the news



Tebow for two?

Tim Tebow may have a girlfriend after all, according to another athlete. After Olympic hurdler Lolo Jones said that she, like Tebow, was waiting until marriage for sex, fans suggested they begin dating. But Jones responded via Twitter that Tebow has a girlfriend, but does not want to say so publicly. "The search continues..." she tweeted.

● METRO/AB



Missing boy's family pleads for help

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. The family of a missing 15-year-old boy are asking New Yorkers to help look for him. According to a flier distributed by his family, Pierce Crowley, 15, of Rye, N.Y., was last seen in White Plains, N.Y., possibly by the train station. His parents reportedly told friends that he was in a "fragile state." According to news reports, he left a hospital with a friend before he went missing. He is 5 feet 10 inches and 150 pounds, with blue eyes, light brown hair and braces. ● METRO/AB

Facebook feud lands gang in jail

CROWN HEIGHTS. Police arrested 14 members of a Crown Heights street gang that called themselves the "Brower Boys" and terrorized people around Brower Park. Prosecutors said gang members, some as young as 13, climbed up fire escapes to break into apartments for a year, stealing cell phones, laptops and video games to pawn for cash. They caught them when they fought over getting the profits of the crimes on Facebook. ● METRO/AB

Council aims to ratchet up ticketing for rogue bikers

► Council discusses ways to crack down on commercial cyclists breaking the law ► Proposal pitched to allow DOT to ticket restaurant owners, too

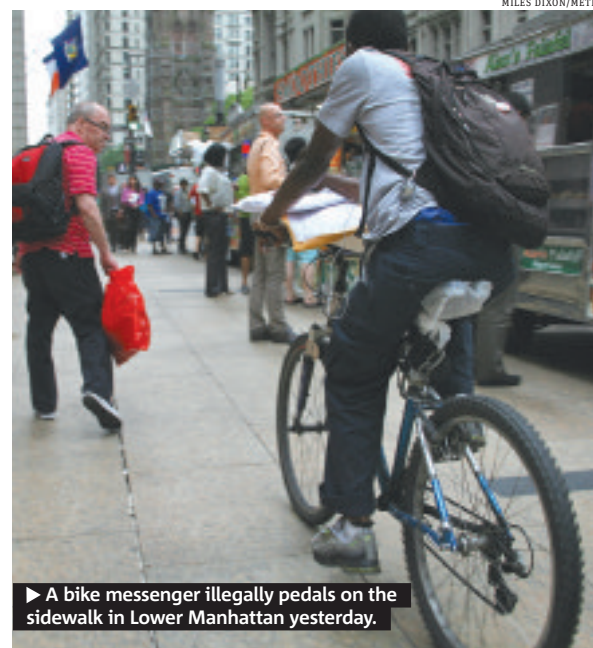
The city is stepping up its fight against delivery cyclists who break traffic laws — and the restaurant owners who employ them.

The City Council is mulling ways to curb dangerous delivery cyclists, some of whom career down crowded sidewalks, run a red light or zoom the wrong way down a one-way street in their rush to deliver food to hungry New Yorkers.

Council members are considering giving Department of Transportation agents, for the first time ever, the power to issue tickets to restaurant owners who employ the deliverymen. Delivery bikers are often under pressure to quickly deliver hot food, but Council members want to make sure there is equal pressure on their employers to make sure they abide the law.

Right now, the NYPD hands out tickets for bike traffic violations, but rarely tickets restaurant owners. Under legislation being drafted, DOT agents could ticket restaurants if they did not provide reflective vests, helmets and lights for their delivery staff.

At a Council hearing Tuesday, Department of Transportation Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan said she sees a need for restaurant owners to be better educated



► A bike messenger illegally pedals on the sidewalk in Lower Manhattan yesterday.

about traffic laws.

The idea to give the DOT enforcement power is part of legislation Councilman Jimmy Vacca is building, which would also increase the fine for biking on the sidewalk. The current fine is \$100.

The increased new fine would apply to everyone, Vacca spokeswoman, Andrea Bender, said. They hope to present

the legislation in June.

Cycling critics said amped-up enforcement should target everyone.

"Why should we have a law that applies only to commercial bicyclists while others can ride above the law?" Susan Siskind, of the East Side Coalition for Pedestrian Safety, asked.

But Bender said most com-

Quoted

"All cyclists should be subject to a stiffer fine."

JACK BROWN, OF THE COALITION AGAINST ROGUE RIDING

"The majority of complaints that come into our office are commercial cyclists."

BENDER

\$100 The current fine for biking on the sidewalk is \$100, according to the Department of Transportation.

plaints refer to delivery bikers. Just this spring, Vacca was nearly hit by a delivery biker on Broadway and Chambers, she said.

And in her Upper East Side neighborhood, she added, "I see it half a dozen times a day. ... It's rampant."

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New rules?

What the new legislation could include:

► An increased fine for biking

on the sidewalk. Right now, it's \$100, but Councilman James Vacca wants to increase that to a yet-to-be-determined amount.

► Allowing DOT agents to give out tickets. Right now, only

the NYPD can give out traffic-related tickets. But the new legislation would give DOT agents some kind of power for the first time. For example, they could ticket restaurants that do not provide

mandatory bike equipment like reflective vests.

► Vacca's office hopes that eventually, New Yorkers can report dangerous delivery drivers they see from specific restaurants to 311.

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Salon owner admits illegal lipo

CORONA. The owner of a beauty salon in Corona, Queens, pleaded guilty yesterday to nearly killing a client after she performed an illegal liposuction on her.

Barbara Nieto, 29, confessed to unlawfully practicing medicine and assault, according to the Queens district attorney. Nieto, the owner of Perfect Image

Stethics, removed fat from a client's stomach in 2010 and then injected the fat into the woman's buttocks. A week later, the woman nearly died after the wounds became infected. She was hospitalized for five days, said the DA.

Nieto did similar procedures on more than 100 other women, officials said. ● **METRO/CB**

"(She) held out the false promise of being able to provide her victim with a more attractive appearance."

**QUEENS DISTRICT ATTORNEY
RICHARD BROWN**

'Luxury concierge' arrested for theft over VIP promises

The party is over for a professional playboy who cops said promised exclusive access to posh NYC events, but instead blew his clients' money on his own extravagant social life.

Police said 36-year-old Robert Giuliano branded himself as a "luxury concierge" by promising inside access to the party scene and reservations at hot clubs and restaurants, but used the credit card information of his clients to pay for his own hotel rooms, meals and drinks.

"The defendant made claims through his company's website that he could get his customers into everything from Fashion Week events to presidential inaugurations, but as charged, he used their

money to fund his own lavish lifestyle," Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance said yesterday.

Giuliano is accused of charging more than \$6,000 to a client's credit card on April 4 to pay for an unauthorized stay at the W Hotel on Lexington Avenue. Police said he also charged more than \$5,000 to another client's credit card to pay for four days he spent at the W Hotel on Park Avenue South later in the month.

Giuliano is facing a slew of charges, including identity theft, forgery, grand larceny, falsifying business records and resisting arrest.

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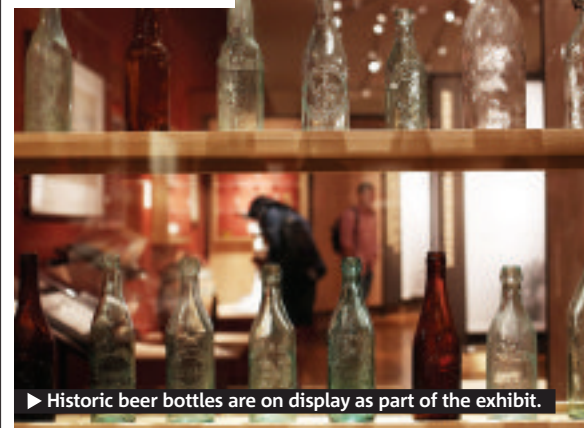


wishing to attend VIP events including Playboy Mansion parties, a private event hosted

for President Obama by Deepak Chopra and Russell Simmons, and a Chanel celebrity dinner during the Tribeca Film Festival.

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Suds. Yesteryear



► Historic beer bottles are on display as part of the exhibit.

SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES

Drink up New York's rich history of both brewing and imbibing beer at the new "Brewing New York's History" exhibit at the New York Historical Society, which traces the drink's past here all the way back to the 17th century. ● **METRO**



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Pharmacy refuses to sell man birth control

JEFF ZELEVANSKY FOR THE ACLU-NJ



► Rite Aid said they are investigating after Andrew Andrade, above, said he was told he could not buy Plan B from one of their stores.

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They told him they couldn't sell him the morning-after pill because of his gender.

That's what Jersey City resident Andrew Andrade said happened to him when he tried to pick up Plan B for his girlfriend at a Rite Aid in Jersey City Heights.

Plan B, the emergency contraceptive commonly referred to as "the morning-after pill," originally required a prescription, but was approved in 2006 to be sold over the counter. Yet when Andrade, 25, tried to buy some for his girlfriend at the Rite Aid in April, not one, but two store employees refused to sell it to him.

"I was upset, and I asked to speak to the manager," said Andrade, a grad student ma-

"The pharmacist refused to sell me the pill."

ANDREW ANDRADE

joring in criminal justice. "And he said he would not sell it to me because I was a male. I thought that was ridiculous."

Andrade was buying the contraceptive for his girlfriend, who had to work that day and was too busy to make the trip to the drugstore.

According to the American Civil Liberties Union, this is not the first time a man has been denied emergency contraception.

In January, the ACLU of Texas contacted CVS after a man was turned away when he

tried to buy emergency contraception for his wife. The ACLU has also contacted Walgreens on several occasions, most recently in March of this year, after stores in Georgia and Alabama refused to sell the drug to men.

Andrade said he went to another pharmacy down the street and asked the pharmacist there if it is indeed illegal to sell the pills to men.

"He said no. They sold it to me with no problem," said Andrade.

The ACLU sent a letter to Rite Aid yesterday, asking them to apologize to Andrade and to better train their employees.



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Controversy over Plan B

According to the FDA guidelines, anyone who is at least 18 years old and has a valid ID can buy emergency contraceptive, regardless of their gender.

2006 was the first time a hormonal contraceptive was made available over the counter, to the outcry of some in the U.S. Critics likened the pill to abortion, because the drugs work by delaying ovulation and preventing a fertilized egg from being implanted in a woman's uterus.

Some pharmacies and hospitals, particularly those run by religious organiza-



tions, have even refused to stock the pills.

Conservatives have said making the pills widely available will only encourage promiscuous sex, while supporters argue the pill promotes safe sex and is a solution to unwanted pregnancies.

Emergency contraceptives must be taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex for them to be effective.

● METRO/CB

Surprise at rejection

Andrade said he was surprised when the pharmacists refused to sell the drug to him.

"I was surprised I was denied in Jersey City, because we are a liberal state," said Andrade. "I was aware of the law, but how many other people aren't? In a stressful situation where time is of the essence, the last thing anyone needs is to feel demoralized by having their rights violated."

No similar incidents have been reported yet in New York. ● METRO/CB

Call for apology as Obama says death camps were Polish

MANDEL NGAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES



► The White House "regrets" President Obama's reference to "Polish death camp."

President Barack Obama has caused an outcry in Poland after inadvertently describing a Nazi death camp as 'Polish'.

Leading Polish political figures have demanded an apology, saying the death camps were on Polish soil — but that it was under the control of the German army during World War II.

The White House yesterday said the president 'misspoke' and regretted the comment, but while the Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk stopped short of calling for an apology, he said he wanted to see a stronger expression of regret.

"The White House will apologize for the outrageous mistake."

RADOSŁAW SIKORSKI,
POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER

"I am convinced today that our American friends are capable of a stronger reaction than just the correction itself and the regret which we heard from the White House spokesman," Tusk said in a statement.

Obama made the misstep during a ceremony to posthu-

mously award a Polish resistance fighter with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

At the ceremony, Obama told of Karski's efforts to draw attention to Nazi war crimes in Poland. He said: "Before one trip across enemy lines, resistance fighters told him that Jews were being murdered on a massive scale, and smuggled him into the Warsaw Ghetto and a Polish death camp to see for himself."

Poland suffered a brutal Nazi wartime regime and deny any responsibility for crimes committed on their soil. ● METRO

Manson family told to hand over murder tapes

Taped conversations between Manson family killer Charles "Tex" Watson and a Texas lawyer in 1969 must be given to Los Angeles police investigating the cult's possible involvement in unsolved murders, a judge ruled yesterday.

Detectives are anxious to review some eight hours of discussions between lawyer Bill Boyd, now dead, and Watson recorded after the

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Charles Manson devotee's arrest for the infamous Tate-LaBianca murders, Los Angeles Police Commander Andrew Smith said.

But the release of the tapes was placed on hold for two weeks following an 11th-hour challenge by Watson's current attorney. REUTERS

New LSD linked to face-eating attack in Miami

MIAMI. A Miami man fatally shot by police after he refused to stop gnawing on another man's face may have been under the influence of a new form of the 1960s hallucinatory drug LSD, a top police officer said yesterday.

Police are investigating the ghoulish weekend incident involving 31-year-old Rudy Eugene, who was found naked and chewing on the face and neck of his victim on the off-ramp of a bridge in downtown Miami. REUTERS

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Troops: We can't support ourselves

More U.S. military veterans expect to look for work in coming months as they return to civilian life, many after being stationed in Afghanistan, but they are less confident about finding work that suits them, according to a new survey.

The twice-yearly survey, by Monster Worldwide Inc., found fewer than half of veterans consider themselves ready to move into civilian jobs. The number who say they are confident about finding suitable work fell to 29 percent from 44 percent six months ago.

Besides entering a tough U.S. labor market where job gains are barely keeping up with population growth, veterans are also facing more skeptical employers. Monster says part of the problem is a communications gap between veterans and employers, since many hiring managers do not



39%

Only 39 percent of employers say veterans or those with prior military experience are prepared for a career change.

understand what military work entails or what skills carry over to civilian jobs. Ex-military applicants, used to working in teams, don't always know how to sell themselves in an interview or take individual credit for accomplishments.

"When a vet transitions into the civilian community, the burden is going to fall on that veteran to learn the language of the civilian job-hiring community," said T.L. McCreary, president of Military.com.

The company surveyed 900 employers and more than 900 veterans who were transitioning to civilian life.

Some 200,000 service members transition to the civilian workforce each year, according to government data, but that is expected to rise to around 300,000 a year as the Pentagon pulls U.S. troops home from Afghanistan. **REUTERS**

Law. WikiLeaks



Court OKs Assange extradition

Britain's Supreme Court ruled yesterday that WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange can be extradited to Sweden over alleged sex crimes, leaving the Australian with few legal options after an 18-month legal battle. The court gave his lawyers two weeks to contest their ruling. **REUTERS**

Inspectors say Iran cleaning up suspicious sites

VIENNA. U.N. nuclear inspectors displayed new satellite imagery yesterday indicating that some small buildings had been dismantled and other possible cleanup work was undertaken at an Iranian military site they want to visit.

One image from May 25 showed signs that "ground-scraping activities" had taken place at the Parchin facility, as well as the presence of a bulldozer, according to diplomats who attended a closed-door briefing by U.N. nuclear agency officials.

This will likely further strengthen Western suspicions that Iran is "sanitizing" the site of any incriminating evidence before allowing the International Atomic Energy Agency into the complex. "It is very clear," one Western envoy said.

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Trump in spotlight over birther claims

► Wacky businessman overshadows Romney moment with conspiracy theory ► Candidate denies agreement

Controversy over the “birther” movement hung over a meeting in Las Vegas between Mitt Romney and high-profile supporter Donald Trump, whose comments about President Barack Obama have put the Republican presidential candidate in an awkward spot.

Trump has again raised doubts about whether Obama was born in the United States, an issue that is most passionately pursued by conspiracy theorists and which Romney has tried to avoid as he focuses on attacking the White House’s economy record.

“A lot of people are questioning his birth certificate,” Trump said on CNBC on Tuesday.

“I’ve been known as being a very smart guy for a long time. ... There are some major

Playing it up?

On a day when real estate and media mogul Donald Trump was trying to help Mitt Romney by stirring up a new round of questions about whether President Barack Obama was born in the United States, Romney’s campaign released a copy of his own birth certificate.

questions here, and the press doesn’t want to cover it.”

Romney has said he believes Obama was born in the United States but he has drawn fire from Democrats for not distancing himself from Trump, who has alleged Obama was born in Kenya and is thus not eligible to be U.S. president.

Romney clinched the Republican nomination on Tuesday night in the Texas primary, where he picked up scores of delegates and reached the target of 1,144 needed.

The Obama campaign took aim at the Romney-Trump pairing by releasing a video “highlighting Mitt Romney’s failure to condemn Donald Trump’s over-the-line rhetoric.”

“If Mitt Romney lacks the backbone to stand up to a charlatan like Donald Trump because he’s so concerned about lining his campaign’s pockets,” the Obama campaign said in a statement, “what does that say about the kind of president he would be?”

“You know, I don’t agree with all the people who support me,” Romney said in response. **REUTERS**

Politics. Spelling



► Tweeter @StuckInActive shared the above image of loveable idiot Ralph from the cartoon “The Simpsons.”

Mitt Romney: An ‘Amercian’ hero

The Mitt Romney campaign became the target of online mockery yesterday after its app “With Mitt” — which lets users upload photos of themselves underneath various campaign slogans — was caught misspelling “America.” And a new wave of Internet memes was born! **● METRO**



► Bush

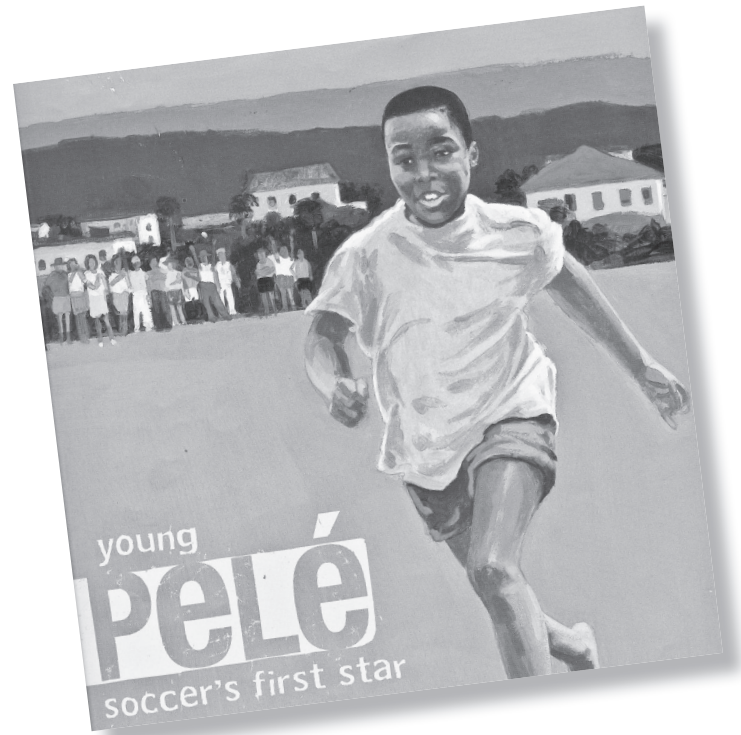
Jeb Bush denies veep report

Former Florida governor Jeb Bush yesterday denied reports he had said he would seriously consider being Mitt Romney’s running mate and said he wouldn’t accept the nomination as would-be Vice President.

An Italian news agency, Linkiesta, claimed it had interviewed Bush earlier this week, reporting he had said he’d consider the role.

But a spokesman for Bush said yesterday: “Gov. Bush hasn’t done an interview with them. The reporter pulled from some old U.S. news reports. I’ve asked the reporter to adjust his piece so it’s clear he’s reporting from US News. ... Nothing has changed, Gov. Bush will not be candidate for V.P.” **● METRO**

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THE WORD



Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip [@monicaatmetro](#) monica.weymouth@metro.us

Moves like Adam

Adam Levine is a curious creature. Since Maroon 5 started seeping its comfortable radio rock through the airwaves 10 years ago, the seemingly unremarkable frontman and "Voice" judge has dated his way through intellectual A-listers (**Natalie Portman**), fluffy pop princesses (**Jessica Simpson**, circa a very respectable 2006) and Victoria's Secret bombshells (**Anne Vyalitsyna**).

Is he cute and talented in a nonthreatening way? Sure. But we have a feeling his sparkling dating résumé is a result of professional-grade smooth talking, which he whipped out in a new interview with "Details" magazine.

"There's two kinds of men: There are men who are f—ing misogynist pigs, and then there are men who just really love women, who think they're the most amazing people in the world. And that's me," Levine tells the magazine.

But he's a rock star, so he's



► If Natalie Portman wasn't safe from this, no one is.

not perfect, of course. As for sleeping around, he muses, "Maybe the reason I was promiscuous, and wanted to sleep with a lot of them, is that I love them so much."

Laugh all you want, but when was the last time you turned off the bubblegum noise that is "Moves Like Jagger"? Adam Levine is in our heads, ladies.

Our Badu!

Yesterday we enthused on **Wayne Coyne**'s weirdness hat trick of combining an odd new **Flaming Lips** cover ("The First Time Ever I Saw Your

Face"), an unlikely collaborator (**Erykah Badu**) and some nude photos (of Badu, or so we thought!). Although Badu was in a few of the photos that Coyne tweeted, it turns out she wasn't the nude one,

as Badu tweeted later in the day, "Those nude photos posted by Wayne (flaming lips) are of the beautiful **Nayrok** my lil sister and bestie. We do look alike. Video looks cosmic."

Talking points

Monaghan has strong words for 'Lost' co-star

There seems to be no love lost between former "Lost" co-stars **Dominic Monaghan** and **Matthew Fox**. When asked by a fan about Fox, who was arrested for driving under the influence earlier this month and was sued for assaulting a bus driver last year, Monaghan bluntly responded, "He beats women. Not isolated incidents. Often." When

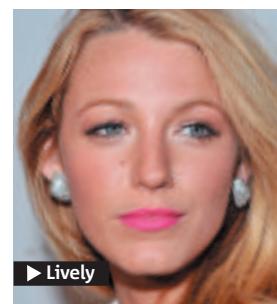


► Monaghan

another fan pointed out that Monaghan was making quite a strong accusation, he responded, "An accusation is when you 'claim' someone did something wrong. I know."

Blake Lively ready to 'Gossip' graduate

Blake Lively is getting ready to say goodbye to "Gossip Girl," the show that made her a star. "I think the best way to describe it is like someone who really enjoyed high school, and is like, I'm a senior and I can't wait for the next thing," she tells *Bullett* magazine. "As an actor who plays a caricature of myself on the show, I don't think I'd say, 'Watch Gossip Girl for my best quality of work.' But I am very lucky to have had that experience." But shouldn't Lively be worried about how her co-workers might take her remarks, especially with work



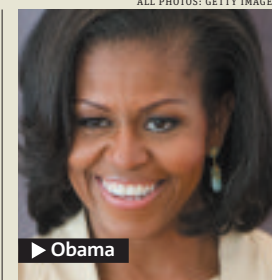
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starting on the show's final season this summer? "I'm not in the business of trying to win the approval of my cast members, my director or my audience," she insists.

How did his garden grow?

When **Michelle Obama** went on "The Daily Show" Tuesday night to promote healthy eating and gardening, host **Jon Stewart** took the opportunity to talk herbs. She good-naturedly declined to give too many details on **President Obama**'s past pot smoking, but did say he stopped when he went to college.

"Like many young people," she said, "he



► Obama

realized he could do more with his life."

But did he realize Pringles were missing peanut butter? Didn't think so.

Prince Harry has a job opening

When **Prince William** sat down with **Katie Couric** for an interview, he said what recently married royals in line for the throne are supposed to say: "I'm very keen to have a family, and both **Catherine** and I are looking forward to having a family."

But more surprising is what younger brother **Harry** shared. "I've longed for kids since I was very, very young," said the prince with a reputation for looking hungover on the polo field. "And so I'm



► Prince Harry

just waiting to find the right person, someone who's willing to take on the job."

Harry, we'd like to introduce you to America, where hot girls are willing to take on the job of letting **Donald Trump** touch them. Inquire within.

Charlize Theron digs diaper duty

Charlize Theron has been adjusting to parenting in a lot of ways, but that doesn't mean she's toned down her notoriously foul language. "A lot of people have sent me these children's books, and there's this amazing book, a best-seller called 'Go the F— to Sleep,'" Theron tells MTV News. "This book was good for me because it made me realize that I don't need to judge myself right now." One thing she has gotten the hang of, though, is diapers. "I'm available for other babies' diapers to be changed. I can do it in my sleep now. I'm so good."



The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Lady Gaga is losing it, Bob Newhart is remembering one of the greats, Steven Weber is bursting with ideas and Albert Brooks understands modern audiences.

► **@ladygaga:** There's a bird outside my hotel room that sounds like a boiling teapot! I'm so confused! Keep thinking my Tea is ready then am disappointed!

► **@BobNewhart:** Peter Sellers was probably the best film comedian ever. He was a complicated man haunted by powerful demons but an absolute comic genius.

► **@TheStevenWeber:** I think "Pessimist" would be a good name for a urine-based hydrating spray.

► **@AlbertBrooks:** Working on a new movie script where I'm leaving specific moments for the audience to tweet.



Weber



Doing good, looking just as good

1. Kristen Stewart hit a screening of "Snow White And The Huntsman" on Tuesday night in Los Angeles. You might have a tough time smiling too if your feet went into your shoes at that angle.

2. On Tuesday, **Nick Jonas** hung out with kids from MTI Broadway JR. Student Program at the seventh annual Shubert Foundation in New York City.

3. Remember how we posted a picture of **Alec Baldwin** last week and said sympathetically that nobody ever looks good going to the airport? Well, it looks like **Jessica Alba** must be a faithful Metro reader, and a Metro reader who is out to prove us wrong, at that. She looked stunning yesterday as she headed to Heathrow Airport in London.

4. Amanda Palmer is pictured

here performing at the 2012 Crossing Brooklyn Ferry Festival at the Brooklyn Academy of Music earlier this month. Sure, that's great and all, but what is really impressive is what Palmer did earlier this week. The singer, who got her start in Boston, managed to hit the \$1 million mark for her Kickstarter campaign to fund her new album. You have until midnight to help her rope in even more funds.

5. Angelina Jolie looked quite stately when she met with government ministers ahead of a screening of her movie "In the Land of Blood and Honey" at the Foreign Commonwealth Office in London on Tuesday. Jolie spoke about the foreign secretary's initiative on preventing sexual violence.

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FILM

'Jersey Shore Shark Attack'
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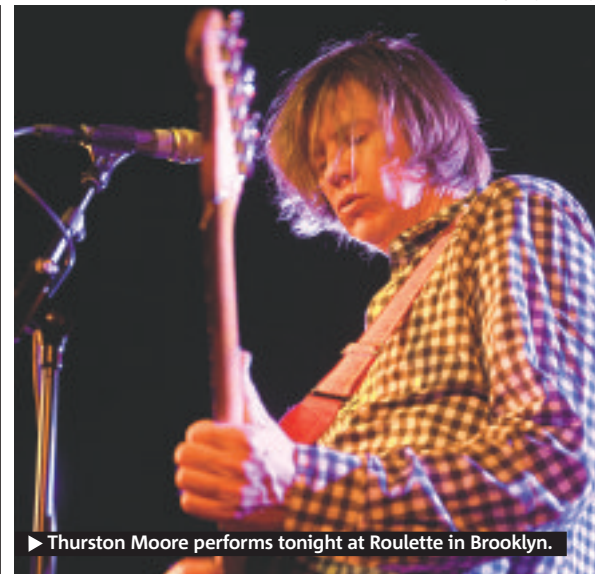
This might be the only way to make "Jersey Shore" palatable: have them attacked by sharks. This time around, the cast includes some serious notables (Paul Sorvino! Tony Sirico!) alongside the show's own Vinny Guadagnino and, uh, Joey Fatone. Come for the movie gore, stay for the trivia, prizes and snark. **LEAH TAYLOR**

ART

Bushwick Open Studios
Friday-Sunday, Various Bushwick locations, Free

It's the sixth year of Brooklyn's best art crawl. With the 'hood growing every day, the number of shows has grown considerably in the last few years. You're bound to see more than a few works that will probably be out of your price range next year. **JASON DIAMOND**

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► Thurston Moore performs tonight at Roulette in Brooklyn.

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MUSIC

Thurston Moore with Bill Nace and Joe McPhee
Tonight, 8, Roulette, 509 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn \$20

Singer, songwriter and guitarist of Sonic Youth fame Thurston Moore, jazz saxophonist Joe McPhee and free noise guitarist Bill Nace share the stage for a collaborative musical exploration. **SARA ROFFINO**

Basic NYC presents Derrick May
Saturday, 11 p.m., Le Poisson Rouge, 158 Bleecker St., \$20
Saturday night's bill features the incomparable Detroit techno originator Derrick May. Though May has been relatively quiet since his early '90s heyday, he will surely surprise new audiences with his fresh and experimental DJ sets. **DANIELLE BROCK**

THEATER

Hookups & Hang-ups
Sunday, 7p.m., Abingdon Theatre Arts Complex, 312 W. 36th St., \$10

It's impossible not to relate to the subject of this show, as it covers moments of life that everyone has faced: first kiss, a first date and the first heart-wrenching breakup. These moments only exist in our memories, and are only funny when shared.

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TV watch list

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'Mountain Men'

REALITY. After waking up to a 911 text from your boss at 6 a.m., perhaps the lifestyle of these men, who subsist solely on what they hunt and gather from the land, will be appealing — particularly the “unplugged” aspect of it. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., History Channel**

'L.A. Hair'

REALITY. The biggest drama on this show following celebrity hairstylist Kim Kimble doesn't actually come from her clients — her customers include Beyoncé and Shakira — but the stylists themselves. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., We tv**

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Bored, he's not

► **Topher Grace, of screen and now the stage, talks late-night TiVoing and learning the rules of live theater**

It's been a busy few months for Topher Grace. His latest film, “The Giant Mechanical Man,” premiered at Tribeca (it's now available On Demand), and he's currently wrapping up his first stint off-Broadway, starring in Paul Weitz's “Lonely, I'm Not” at the Second Stage Theater.

For the film, Grace — who dons a long, stringy wig created by the “That 70s Show” wigmaster — began his research for the character of sleazy motivational speaker Doug Duncan with good intentions.

“I always stayed up late watching the great Tony Robbins, people like that, who want to sell you how you can be a better you, and I always wondered what kind of person tells people that they can help them be a better person,” the actor says. “I mean, I barely got me — I can't imagine telling someone I can tell you how to have a better life.”

But then, as he watched his TiVo-ed paid programming, something happened: The messages started to seep in.

“In the beginning, I'm like

‘Alright, this is how I'm gonna make fun of Tony Robbins,’ and then slowly as you watch the episode you're like, ‘You know, I do

need [that product].’ They are very convincing — they kind of talk you into submission.”

The movie gave Grace the opportunity to take on a new kind of role: the antagonist.

“I played the protagonist in essentially every

episode of ‘70s show,’ and I've never played this character, so it was fun,” he says. “[But] even though I had fun, I think people just naturally have to hate the bad guy.”

“Lonely, I'm Not”
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► Topher Grace ends his run as Porter in “Lonely, I'm Not” this weekend.

Now on stage

You can catch Grace in person in “Lonely, I'm Not,” closing Sunday at the Second Stage Theater. He stars as Porter, who, like Jenna Fischer's character in “The Giant Mechanical Man,” feels uneasy about adulthood.

Despite plenty of work in front of the camera, Grace cops to nightmares about not projecting on stage (“I thought maybe someone in the very back row would be like, ‘Speak up, sitcom boy!’”) and says the learning process has had its embarrassing moments.

“When I started ‘70s’ I had never acted before professionally, so this felt like that, where the learning curve was, like, inverted. Even at the tech run-through, I was waiting too long to go on. The director said, ‘Why are you waiting so long?’ I said, ‘I'm waiting for the cue light to turn on,’ and he was like, ‘No, you go out when it turns off.’ And then he looked around like, ‘Oh my God, this guy's starring in my play!’”



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Top 5 movies

1 ‘Snow White and the Huntsman’ This year's second revival of the fairy tale about the fairest of them all is much grittier than its predecessor, “Mirror Mirror.” But with Charlize Theron starring as the evil Queen Ravenna and amazing special effects, expect to be dazzled in amazingly creepy ways.

2 ‘Men in Black 3’ Agents J (Will Smith) and K (Tommy Lee Jones) are keeping alien life forms under control on Earth — that is, until K is erased from existence and J must travel to 1969 to find young K (Josh Brolin) before things go awry.

3 ‘Chernobyl Diaries’ Oren Peli, the mind behind the “Paranormal Activity” movies, presents the tale of six Americans on a trip to Pripyat, the town that was home to workers at the Chernobyl nuclear reactor. They inevitably find themselves stranded — but not alone.

4 ‘The Dictator’ Sacha Baron Cohen is the juvenile leader of the African nation of Wadiya, who is replaced by a double during a coup.

5 ‘Battleship’ In this adaptation of the board game, aliens invade from the sea. And if that doesn't float your boat, there's always Rihanna, Taylor Kitsch, Alexander Skarsgard and Brooklyn Decker to stare at.

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"The weddings that stand out have both the bride and groom behind the wheel," says Larson.



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Worthy of Style Me Pretty

◆ Abby Larson, editor and founder of the stylish wedding website, on making your celebration Pinterest gold ◆ Hint: It's all about bringing the 'you' into your big day



"Watercolors are going to be really important," says Larson. "It brings this soft decor detail to your style."

Larson says: "If you can't find a meaningful favor, skip it."

If you're engaged, your daily routine likely includes logging on to Style Me Pretty about five times a day and pinning your favorite shots to your painstakingly curated Pinterest boards in hopes of creating the most gorgeous, talked-about affair — which will hopefully one day appear on the site and be the source of some other bride-to-be's obsession.

We talked to Abby Larson, founder and editor of the immensely popular wedding site, for tips on making your big day as swoon-worthy as the ones she features.

These days, decor is almost as important as a bride's look. What is the new striped paper straw craze of the wedding world?

The biggest thing is that people are really taking trends and are putting their own unique style on them. Using really interesting prints in your wedding day decor is really big right now, so it's not just all one-note colors.

I'm also seeing a lot of ombre, which is the fading of light to dark in color. We're seeing it a lot in wedding cakes with the top tier being a lighter shade and going all the way into a darker pink or a darker blue. But the best is ombre bridesmaids dresses. The bride gives each bridesmaid a little color swatch, and they choose a gown; when the girls come together, they have this beautiful spectrum of colors.

Think back to some of your favorite weddings. What are ideas or tips you discovered from them?

My favorite weddings of all

time all have a very layered, textural approach to design. All the brides and grooms and the designers they chose to help them, if they did, approach their wedding style like they would their home decor. They brought in pieces, moments, ideas and colors that they really love and they wove them together to create a more intimate experience for their guests. I also really love the weddings of the couples who don't take themselves too seriously. Everyone should have a little bit of a smile at the wedding. It could be as simple as a hand-written note from the bride and groom thanking everyone for coming or it could be milk and cookies at the end of the night.

What are the coolest favors you have seen?

The best favors are the ones that really mean something and reflect who you are as a couple. I love when couples give small potted plants or succulents with a note telling people "Go home and start a garden and spread the love." A CD is always a great idea or replanting an herb with a favorite family recipe. If you can't find a meaningful favor, skip it.



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Abby's NYC picks

- ▶ Anne Robert (photo)
- ▶ Hatch Creative Studio (floral and event design)
- ▶ Mr. Boddington (invitations)



Etsy weddings and registry

Scrolling through Etsy for the right shade of pink paper flowers for your reception just got easier. The online marketplace recently underwent a redesign. Now on Etsy.com/wedding you can shop for the big day, find out about trends, read how-tos and get inspiration from real couples showcasing their unique weddings. Even better: Skip the big-box stores and register on the site, too. With Etsy's new registry, your home, like your wedding, will be 100 percent you.



Three wedding trends from Etsy

1. **Bunting:** LOVE Prop, \$10, www.5280bliss.etsy.com
2. **Personalized cake toppers:** Cake bunting, \$16, www.bluebirdandviolet.etsy.com
3. **Alternative bouquets:** Vintage Bible Book Bouquet, \$145, www.jaymamalme.etsy.com

MVP tips from Larson

According to Larson, hiring a wedding planner might be the best decision you can make after saying "yes."

- ▶ "If I were to narrow it down to one tip I would give brides forever, it would be: Hire a wedding planner. They have long-standing relationships with vendors so they can get better deals for you. They know the best person to get things like ribbon and to rent your table linens and the person who does the best cupcakes. That information may not be online; it may be more privy to those who



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are in the industry."

- ▶ "If you can't afford a wedding planner, at least bring on a day-of person who you meet with three or four times prior to the event so that they really know what's going on and what your goals are."

Forget this not

IT'S ALL ABOUT PERSONAL TOUCHES

- ▶ "DIY is still very important. So weddings — whether they are half-a-million-dollar affairs or \$5,000 backyard weddings — are all having this sense of that personal touch. Ultimately, that's what sets weddings apart on SMP — knowing that there's a person behind this design, no matter what the budget is."
- ▶ "One of the big trends right now is to reinfuse the 'you' back into your design. Couples are becoming more comfortable with bucking tradition and doing things their way. You're seeing a lot less cookie-cutter weddings."
- ▶ "The bride is still the domi-

nant player, but the weddings that really stand out have both the bride and the groom behind the wheel."

THE BEST PHOTOS

- ▶ "You have to understand the kind of photography that you like and choose the photographer that meshes with that. It's important that both of you know what you're expecting from each other. If you want to get your wedding published, make sure they get all those detail shots."
- ▶ "Also, try really hard to relax. No one has a camera following them around all day except on their wedding, so it can be unnerving. One way is to invite the photographer to get to know you a little bit before the big day. An engagement session is a great way for you to feel comfortable around the camera."

WEDDING MAGIC

Two experts offer advice to make sure your big day is exactly how you envision it Because you need to spend the night shaking it on the dance floor rather than stressing about the appetizers



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Tips from an event designer

Matthew Robbins

Creative Director of Matthew Robbins Design, a contributing editor for Martha Stewart Weddings and author of the new book "Matthew Robbins' Inspired Weddings"

Where should couples start when planning the design of their big day?

The best place to start is to choose a season. This will dictate the choice of venue and your color palette. If you want an outdoor wedding or a reception in an old barn, you will go with warmer months like June through September. If a ballroom is your dream, you have more options for time of year.

What are some wallet-friendly design tips?

Choose a strong color palette and use this to carry your design ideas throughout the wedding. If you are going for blush, lilac and pewter gray, for example, give your bridesmaids a great



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pewter-toned dress and have each one carry a single bloom in a blush tone, such as a lovely pink hydrangea tied with a floppy silk ribbon. Fill your dinner tables with candles and accent with flowers rather than the standard, which is lots of flowers and candles to accent.

What do you think is tacky?

Avoid colorful lights in your dining room. I always try to go for a warm white with a touch of amber. Keep your table linens elegant, but not over the top. Your tables aren't being dressed for a prom date, so they don't need layer upon layer — and the chairs don't need bows! Stay away from chair covers unless they really fit. Also, stay away from the towering ball of flowers for your centerpieces. This is tired, and you can come up with something much more original.

Foolproof design tricks

► **Always choose more than two colors or tones for your color palette.** This will create a more unique, custom look and feel for your party.

► **Keep the lights dim!** Even if

you don't have the budget for over-the-top event lighting, choose a venue with decent in-house lights — but confirm they are all on a dimmer. Keep the lights at 50 percent for dinner and load up on candles. This always creates a dreamy, ambient space, and everyone

will look great in this light.

► A beautiful table creates the perfect welcome for guests.

Embellish the napkins with a single bloom or herbs such as a sprig of rosemary. Place a lovely votive on top of each menu. Create defined paths with lanterns filled with candles.

Tips from a caterer



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Jennifer Sohan

Director of catering and events at Benares in New York
www.benaresnyc.com

How can couples find a good caterer?

You definitely want to go with someone who has been referred to you, someone who has done events for a friend or family member. Also, find out who has catered events at venues that you're interested in and meet with them. Venues have a list of vendors who have worked there in the past.

What should they look for in a caterer?

First, make sure you like the food. The caterer should be flexible; they should be able to provide you with various options and to show you pictures of past events. You shouldn't just go by what they say — you should see

it firsthand. Ask: "Can I come to your next event?" Most caterers should be able to get you into an event for a short visit. This way you see what they are capable of pulling off and if it's what you're expecting. Also, make sure whoever you work with will be onsite during your event.

How can couples cut costs?

One great way is to ask if you can provide your own liquor, because then you control how much money you spend on the bar. Another great way is to have a specialty cocktail instead of a full bar. As far as food, passed hors d'oeuvres are more cost effective than stations. Stations have to always be full, and you end up throwing away a lot at the end of the night.

What are your thoughts on buffet vs. sit-down?

Both are great for different reasons. A sit-down is more elegant, but a buffet allows you to have more time on the dance floor and more options. So it depends on what kind of feel you want for your party.

What's the best way to ensure your food will taste great?

Do a tasting. Make sure you give your caterer detailed notes from your final tasting. If you have any special changes or requests, make sure that your caterer understands them.

Pro tip

► Do a walk-through close to the day of your event with your cater and your wedding planner or coordinator.

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Lessons in depravity

► A new book suggests that the only way for a single city girl to survive in the dating world is to make sure she gets hers, by any means necessary

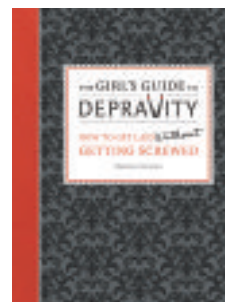


► Rutman

Any single girl can tell you that love is indeed a battlefield in the modern urban environment. The old dating playbook that recommends playing hard to get has become more tried than true. Men won't engage in the chase when there are so many other women willing to be a plaything. So what's a girl to do?

After getting dumped one time too many, former nice-girl Heather Rutman decided to change her ways. With her new book, "The Girl's Guide to Depravity," the Los Angeles native advises women to get tough, get gutsy and above all, don't be afraid to get dirty.

"Even if we tried to play by those rules, we still got f—ed over in the end," she says of traditional dating rules. "So you know what? Screw it. We're not going to deny ourselves all these impulses that



we have to have sex with a guy on the first date or to ask him out first. You could wait 10 dates to have sex with a guy and he could ditch you on date 9, so you might as well have sex with him on the first date."

A pessimistic point of view? Sure. Rutman's advice includes a guide for key medications a depraved girl needs (like Xanax, Ritalin and the ever-important Viagra). Her favorite

chapters include those entitled "The Best Way to Get Over a Guy is to Get Under Another One" and "Flake on Him Before He Flakes on You."

She freely admits that her book offers a highly cynical and somewhat tongue-in-cheek perspective on dating, but she also alludes to what can come along when you're busy having fun.

"I think I'd be lying if I said that every woman doesn't want to find love in the end, but I think there's a lot to be said for [the idea that] when you stop looking for it, it happens," she says. "You can agonize over it and drive yourself crazy trying to find the right guy, or you can have fun and just kind of see what happens. I think you eventually get the same result."



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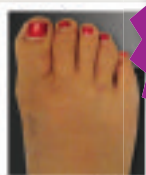
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► New York's local youth sports leagues, coaches and parents need to have a serious time-out to think about how they can bring fun back to youth athletic programs this summer, according to a new study

In a new national survey of children, ages 8 to 14, who play team sports:

► **84 percent** say they sometimes wish they had more fun when playing youth sports.

► **84 percent** say at one time they quit a team or wanted to quit. Why? Forty-seven percent say because "it wasn't any fun." Twenty-nine percent say some teammates were mean. Twenty-three percent say there were too many practices that interfered with other activities.

► **31 percent** wished adults weren't watching their games — they say mostly because

56% When asked their No. 1 reason for playing sports, 56 percent say to have fun.

63% When asked how they feel if their team loses, 63 percent say they still have fun.

adults yell too much, are too distracting, make players nervous and put pressure on them to play better and win.

The survey of 300 children was commissioned by the nonprofit arm of i9 Sports, the nation's first and fastest growing youth sports franchise. ● METRO

Name-calling

Sixty-one percent of kids surveyed say they or their teammates have been called a "not so nice" name while playing sports. Those comments include: "loser," "midget," "four eyes," "you throw like a girl," "lazy and fat" and "you suck and shouldn't be on the team." One child writes: "One time I was called a slowpoke and made fun of for running slow and a girl came up behind me while I was at the water fountain and pushed my head and I hit my head on the fountain."



► Is your kid really having fun at his sport?

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More findings

Forty-two percent of children surveyed would rather play video games than play sports. Why?

- 74 percent say gaming is more fun than playing sports.
- 28 percent say sports can be too competitive.
- 20 percent say their coach doesn't let them play as much as they want to.
- 17 percent say they feel too much pressure to win.

"This survey clearly shows that America needs to re-evaluate youth sports, which have become too cutthroat and competitive and not much fun. ... We need to be better teachers. We need to let kids have fun."

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Make the question 'Are we there yet?' out of the question

Don't worry about record-breaking gas prices — the U.S. Energy Information Administration estimates prices to be \$3.79 a gallon this summer, less than in 2008.

That's good news for families considering reviving the tradition of a road trip, one of the best experiences for parents and kids, says Michael DiLorenzo, author of "Adventures with Jonny: Road Trip to the Parks!"

"This is a shared experience, and one that will be talked about during family gatherings for years to come," says DiLorenzo, a father of three. "For busy parents, this is a time to savor their children's youth."

It's also a chance to get children outside and away from their computers, he says. Children today already have a deep-rooted interest in technology, which is why a road trip to a natural, outdoor destination is an opportunity to "give your child the gift of the outdoors, which is a gift for life," says DiLorenzo.

The journey to a national park is as bonding an experience as whatever happens at the destination.

"There are parks in every state," he notes. "If you don't have the time or money to go cross-country, pick a park close-



► Road trips should be a time for families to bond.

DiLorenzo's tips for the road

► **Games, games, games:** Yes, there is ample entertainment for drivers and riders in cars these days. But the goal is to bond with the family, so consider a fun, albeit off-color, game like "Road Kill Round-Up." A point system might break down like this: two points for the first to spot a poor critter; three for whoever first correctly identifies the species; two points subtracted for a false road-kill call; three points subtracted for misidentifying the kind.

► **Beware of dairy drinks (and other smelly snacks):** A spill in the backseat can create quite a stink during a summer road trip.

But do pack plenty of healthy snacks to save on pricey pit stops and avoid all the sugar and salt in junk food.

► **Avoid big-city rush hours:** When traveling through metropolitan areas, consider the busiest traffic periods. Whether you plan to stop and check out the city or simply zip through it, bumper-to-bumper traffic is something to avoid. A bit of consideration can save your family hours of gridlocked misery.

► **Tech help:** Apps can help drivers find the cheapest gas prices, food options, hotel rates and travel routes. Don't forget a music mix that appeals to the entire family on one of these devices. Just leave work-related calls, texts and e-mails out of



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Political discourse has gotten nasty

RE: "WAR IS THE BEST WAY TO SPREAD PEACE?". Did Mr. Charles Michael Couch just call the presidential candidate an idiot? Or did he inadvertently introduce himself in the middle of a sentence? One thing is to legitimately criticize Mitt Romney's record as a businessman, governor or manager of the Olympics — or, for that matter, Barack Obama's record as the U.S. president or a member of the U.S. Senate. But it's quite a different thing to merely throw around verbal insults, especially totally unsubstantiated ones. It should be clear even to Mr. Couch that wanting a strong America and wanting to go to war are two quite different things — some might argue two opposite

things. Beyond that, does Metro have any standards at all, just so that the discussion on these pages is kept to some civilized norms? I'm pretty sure the president himself would strongly disapprove such a language from one of his apparent supporters. Emotions running high and freedom of speech give no excuse for such an offensive tone. **GAROLD MINKIN, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS**

Conservative stuffed-shirt George Will finally said something I agree with after all these years when he pronounced Donald Trump a "bloviating ignoramus" on "This Week." However, Will ought to be careful using such terms: It could be said of him that it takes one to know one. **JEFF D DUCAS, VIA E-MAIL**

Open season on Donald Trump?

It wasn't in the paper today but still bears comment: Donald Trump is at it again with his "birther" trash, people are believing it, and Romney is accepting Trump's money. It's scary. What kind of country is this place turning into, when lies are spread by those who have far more money than they need and believed by those who don't have enough? This is not the American dream. It is a nightmare. **PAUL SIMONS, VIA E-MAIL**

Now the Obama campaign is hitting Romney with Trump's "birther" claims! This is great! If Obama's people can go after Romney's association with Trump over the "birther" issue can the Republicans bring up all the

bombers, communists, socialists and America-hating black racists Obama has been associated with in the past? **JOSEPH DUPONT, VIA E-MAIL**

Individual rights are all we've got

RE: "DISCRIMINATION OF SINGLES UNHEALTHY": I could not agree more with Hans Haugen. There is no such thing as women's rights, black rights, gay rights or any other type of group rights. There are only individual rights. Group rights promote a perverse theory that our rights are granted to us by the state. Rights are gifts from our creator; or, in the more secular view, rights come from our humanity. These rights, as John Locke observed, include life, liberty and property and the right to defend all three. The support for individual rights is far superior in all ways to the view that condones the use of government coercion to enforce a perverted view of liberty. **KELLY DONNOE, LYNBROOK**

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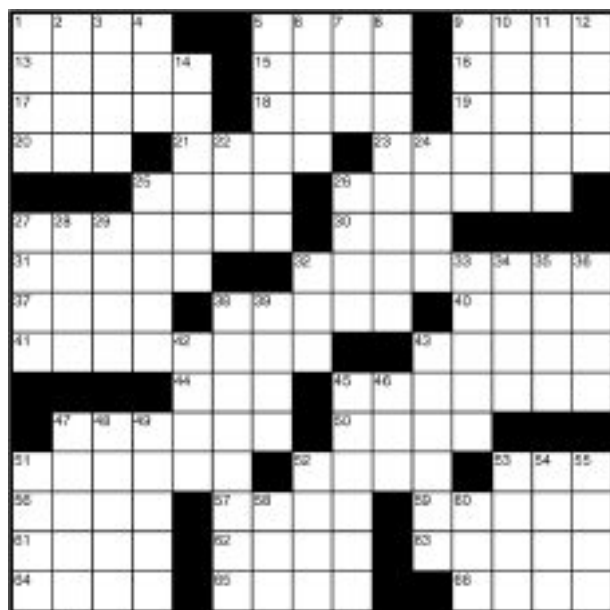
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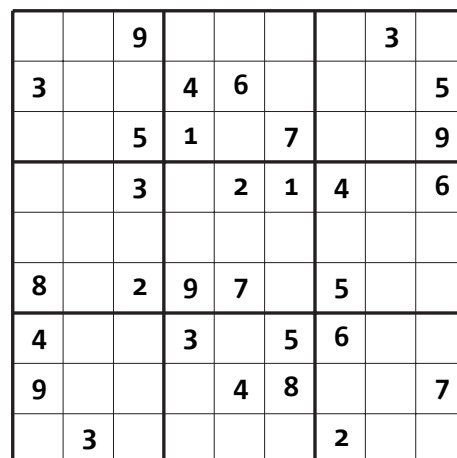
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Solution to yesterday's crossword



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Horoscope

II Gemini May 21-June 20. Be selective with whom you associate and what activities you engage in. Your enjoyment of your day will be derived from quality, not quantity.

☿ Cancer June 21-July 22. Make every effort to resolve any family differences as soon as possible. Unsettled disputes may be difficult to resolve, but they'll be even more so as time wears on.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. You could be overwhelmed by praise regarding something you accomplished. The accolades will be sincere appreciations of your unusual feat.

♍ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. The reason why so many things are coming your way at this time is because you innately understood one of the world's best secrets: In order to get, you must first give.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. The reason you'll be able to succeed where others are failing is because you will not get discouraged if things don't immediately go your way. Never be afraid to try, try again.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. If and when you choose to apply yourself, you can easily manage your financial or commercial matters with considerable skill. Instead of handing the reins to another, give it a go on your own.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21.

Friends or associates will be looking to you to take charge of a matter that affects all of you. You won't want to let them down — so be sure to step up.

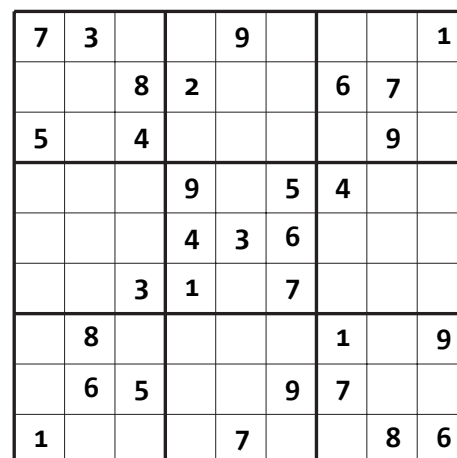
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Although the general drift of things might initially look to be going against you, don't give up too quickly. Chances are events will change in your favor.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. Doing everything all by yourself could grow increasingly untenable as your day progresses. Try to find an amicable companion with whom you can share both your time and interests.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Make as many adjustments as you want to all situations that haven't been running smoothly lately. Conditions can always be altered to produce what you'd like.

♈ Aries March 21-April 19. Draw upon previously successful techniques regarding a partnership matter, and you should come out ahead. Past knowledge can be a helpful guide in facing the present.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. Responsibilities you're dodging because you believe them to be a lot of work aren't likely to dissipate with time. The sooner you get them over with, the fewer headaches they'll give you. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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► Cheers!

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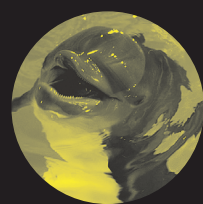
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► Phish

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Ovation Hall is a revelation



► Beyonce lights up the crowd at Revel's Ovation Hall.

► **Ovation Hall, the ultramodern theater at Revel resort, lets you get close while you get down**

Can a casino theater seat 5,500 and still feel intimate? Ovation Hall at the recently opened Revel resort does just that. Designed by Sceno Plus, the technical wizards behind the Las Vegas Bellagio Theater's amphibious stage for Cirque du Soleil's splashy spectacular, "O," the 150,000-square-foot arena was conceived as a "one-of-a-kind transformable theatre" that could stage everything from concerts to sporting events.

During Ovation's inaugural show, Beyonce's Back to Business tour, the performers didn't skip a beat as backdrop screens smoothly rose and fell and set pieces swooped in and out of view. The main stage was framed by two large screens projecting crisp, live close-ups.

Upcoming shows:

Metro's picks

- **Def Leppard and Poison**
July 14
- **The Gipsy Kings**
Aug. 3
- **Barry Manilow**
Sept. 8

But for all its technical marvels, the venue felt surprisingly cozy. According to a statement from Sceno Plus, Ovation Hall was "designed for the public to surround the stage and transmit the energy and emotions the artists need to perform and feel close to the audience."

After your show, we recom-

mend cocktails at Village Whiskey, one of the quartet of Jose Garces restaurants at Revel. Removed from the bells and whistles of the casino floor, it's a place to relax, sample a flight of whiskeys and maybe even indulge in the famed foie gras burger.

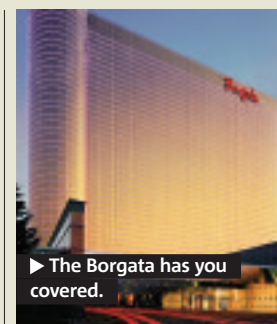
Village Whiskey is so relaxed, in fact, that earlier this month the Philadelphia Flyers dined there mostly unbothered after a season-ending loss to longtime rivals the New Jersey Devils. After a neighboring table bought a round of whiskeys for the downtrodden team, the Flyers reciprocated with an order of deviled eggs.

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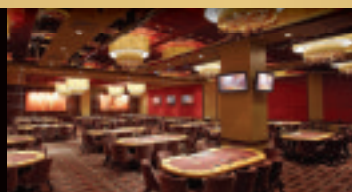
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Myth

The older, the better
"Older isn't necessarily better, it's just different," says Stephen Marshall, Dewar's Global Brand Ambassador. He recommends older whiskey for the end of a night, "as your palate tires and you need a bit more flavor."

Myth: Whiskey is a man's drink.
Not so, says Heather Greene, one of the country's few female scotch experts and a Glenfiddich Ambassador.

"Bringing whiskey to the world of women is actually something that's really dear to my heart," Greene says. "Women have an incredible ability to enjoy and nose beautiful whiskeys, and I don't see any reason why not women should

► **Scotch expert Stephen Marshall likes whiskey of all ages.**

come into the whiskey world and start enjoying it the way they've been enjoying wines. You could actually take much of the same vocabulary and some of the concepts that are in the wine world and apply that to the whiskey world. Women have really embraced the wine world,

► **Heather Greene is a Glenfiddich Ambassador.**

and I think whiskey's the next frontier."

Want to learn more? Greene is the founder of the Mrs. Roberts Society, a single malt scotch society for women. "What we're doing is demystifying whiskey and answering all these questions that [women] have," she

says. For a schedule of upcoming Mrs. Roberts Society events, visit www.glenfiddich.com.

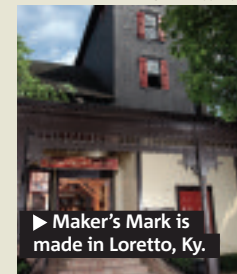
Myth: There are only a few good whiskey cocktails.

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"There are professional bartenders today who take their craft as seriously as chefs," says Rob Samuels, the chief operating officer of Maker's Mark and an eighth-generation bourbon distiller. "When bartenders choose Maker's Mark with their cocktails, we love that, we encourage that. I don't think there's necessarily a right way or a wrong way [to drink it]. I think it depends as much on the season, who you're with, the type of restaurant, the type of food."

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KINGS FOR A DAY

► L.A. takes Game 1 with overtime, breakaway goal by Kopitar ► Devils tentative early, fell behind 1-0 ► Quick bests Brodeur in defensive battle

The Devils lost Game 1s against the Panthers, Flyers and Rangers. What's one more against the Kings?

Anze Kopitar potted the winner 8:13 into overtime to give the Kings a 2-1 win in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final last night at the Prudential Center. The Kings lead the best-of-seven series one game to none.

The teams entered the third deadlocked, 1-1, after unlikely goal scorers Colin Fraser and Anton Volchenkov traded scores during the first two periods.

Fraser opened the scoring for the Kings 9:56 into the series with his first career playoff goal. The play began with Andy Greene committing a turnover behind the net. Jordan Nolan found the loose puck and moved it to Fraser for a shot that skimmed along the ice and eluded goaltender Martin Brodeur.

Volchenkov equalized it with 1:12 remaining in the second with a shot off the half wall that ricocheted off Kings defenseman Slava Voynov into a half-empty net. The goal was Volchenkov's first of this playoff season and his first playoff goal since scoring the game-



► Anze Kopitar, right, slips the game-winner under Martin Brodeur's right leg in overtime.

winner against Pittsburgh in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinals on April 27, 2007.

The Devils were tentative early and became more aggressive as the game progressed, the opposite of how they played throughout the Eastern

Conference finals. Despite being outshot 8-7 in the third, it was the Devils who had the better of play.

Zach Parise had an apparent goal disallowed 3:58 into the third when it was ruled — and upheld by officials — that he threw the puck into net during

a pileup in the crease.

A flurry six minutes into overtime nearly produced Adam Henrique's third overtime win, but the rookie pushed a shot wide.

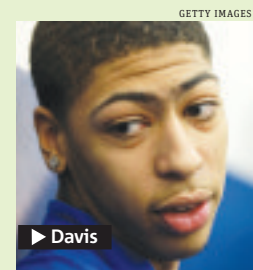
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The Los Angeles Kings outshot the New Jersey Devils, 25-18 in Game 1. They both had five shots in the first period, but the Kings outshot them in every other frame.

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The New Jersey Devils outthit the Los Angeles Kings, 44-35, in a physical Game 1. It was far from the Rangers series, but the referees had to settle a few tussles.



Hornets win draft lottery, Nets lose pick

Hopefully Nets fans enjoyed those three months of Gerald Wallace.

Brooklyn got the No. 6 pick — the spot they expected according to the odds — and will therefore send it to Portland. Had they finished in the top 3, they would've kept the pick.

The Hornets, who were fourth in odds, jumped up to the No. 1 spot and will likely draft Kentucky power forward Anthony Davis on June 28. **METRO**

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